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SUBJECT: MESSAGE FOR PRESIDENT NYERERE

REF: DAR ES SALAAM 3209

1. YOU SHOULD MAKE SURE THAT PRESIDENT NYERERE RECEIVES
THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE IMMEDIATELY.

2. "DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: I HAVE JUST RECEIVED THE MESSAGE
THAT YOU ASKED BE PASSED TO ME. I HAVE CAREFULLY CON-
SIDERED THE POINTS YOU MADE AND APPRECIATE YOUR REASONS
FOR SAYING THAT YOU NEED MORE TIME TO PREPARE THE GROUND
FOR A RHODESIAN SETTLEMENT. YOU HAVE ASKED THAT NOTHING
BE UNDERTAKEN WITH RESPECT TO RHODESIA UNTIL THE CONDITIONS
ARE RIGHT. I FULLY APPRECIATE THE NEED FOR TIME AND CARE-
FUL PREPARATION. WHILE WE SHALL NEGOTIATE WITH PRIME
MINISTER VORSTER, NO STEPS WILL BE UNDERTAKEN ON THE GROUND
UNTIL I HAVE HAD A FULL OPPORTUNITY TO CONSULT WITH YOU

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AND YOUR FELLOW PRESIDENTS. AS A GENERAL PROPOSITION WE

HAVE NO REASON TO PRESS FOR MORE RAPID INVOLVEMENT THAN IS THOUGHT ADVISABLE BY THE FRONTLINE PRESIDENTS WHO ARE THE BEST JUDGES OF WHAT CAN BE ACHIEVED IN ANY TIME FRAME.

3. "I CONSIDER THE MEETING WHICH YOU WILL HOLD WITH YOUR

COLLEAGUES AND THE NATIONALIST LEADERS VERY IMPORTANT TO THE FUTURE OF THE INITIATIVE ON WHICH WE ARE EMBARKED. IN VIEW OF THE MEETING WHICH YOU WILL HOLD NEXT WEEK IT SEEMS TO ME ON REFLECTION PREMATURE FOR ME TO COME TO AFRICA UNTIL YOU HAVE HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO WORK OUT THE POINTS UNDER CONSIDERATION AND WE KNOW THAT THE WAY TO PROGRESS ON AT LEAST ONE OF THE ISSUES BEFORE US IS CLEAR. INSTEAD OF MY JOINING YOU AS ORIGINALLY PLANNED ON SEPTEMBER 8, I PROPOSE SENDING AMBASSADOR SCHAUFELLE ON SEPTEMBER 7. HE WOULD INFORM YOU OF THE RESULTS OF MY MEETING WITH THE SOUTH AFRICAN PRIME MINISTER. AT THE SAME TIME I HOPE YOU WILL GIVE HIM THE CONCLUSIONS OF YOUR MEETINGS WITH THE FRONTLINE PRESIDENTS AND THE LIBERATION LEADERS. WE CAN, AT THAT POINT, DECIDE HOW BEST TO PROCEED WITH THE SEPARATE ISSUES OF NAMIBIA AND RHODESIA. IF THE RESULTS OF OUR RESPECTIVE CONSULTATIONS WARRANT AND ON THE BASIS OF YOUR DISCUSSION WITH AMBASSADOR SCHAUFELLE, I WOULD BE PREPARED TO LEAVE THE UNITED STATES AND BEGIN MY VISIT TO AFRICA IN DAR ES SALAAM ARRIVING SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12 OR ANY OTHER MUTUALLY CONVENIENT DATE, PROVIDED I CAN RETURN TO THE UNITED STATES BY SEPTEMBER 25.

4. "AS I TOLD YOU IN MY LAST LETTER, WE ARE PREPARED TO DEAL WITH THE ISSUES OF NAMIBIA AND RHODESIA SEPARATELY. WE ARE ALSO WILLING TO HELP ON BOTH. OBVIOUSLY, THERE IS NO POINT IN AN AFRICAN TRIP IF THERE IS NO PROSPECT OF MOVEMENT ON EITHER NAMIBIA OR RHODESIA. THE NEW SCHEDULE OF MY VISIT LEAVES ADEQUATE TIME TO MAKE THE PROGRESS ON NAMIBIA WHICH WE AGREE MAY BE POSSIBLE AND ON ZIMBABWE IF YOUR TALKS WITH THE NATIONALISTS WARRANT FURTHER STEPS NOW. I MUST BE IN THE UNITED STATES

AT THE LATEST ON SEPTEMBER 25 TO PREPARE MY ADDRESS TO
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THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY. UNLESS THERE IS A SPECIAL REASON FOR ME TO COME EARLIER, I WOULD PREFER TO HOLD TO MY NEW PLAN.

5. "I AM WRITING SEPARATELY, BUT IN A SIMILAR VEIN TO PRESIDENT KAUNDA AND WOULD APPRECIATE HAVING YOUR RESPONSE AS SOON AS IT IS CONVENIENT. WITH WARM REGARDS,
SINCERELY, HENRY A. KISSINGER." KISSINGER

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